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TAGS: PORG, ASEAN

SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN DISSATISFACTION AT LEVEL OF EEC REPRESENTATION
IN BRUSSELS TALKS WITH ASEAN

1. AT A DINNER IN HIS HONOR GIVEN BY THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR QUESTIONED THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR SOMEWHAT SHARPLY ON THE LEVEL OF EEC REPRESENTATION AT RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH ASEAN IN BRUSSELS. MAHATHIR CLEARLY FELT THAT WITH ASEAN REPRESENTED BY MINISTERS, THE LEVEL OF EEC REPRESENTATION WAS INADEQUATE. THE NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT THERE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. THE MEETING IN BRUSSELS WAS SPONSORED BY A PRIVATE BANKING ASSOCIATION AND THE FINANCIAL TIMES WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE EEC. THE CONFERENCE HAD INITIALLY BEEN PLANNED FOR OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN AND THIS IS WHY THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE IN THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS EXCHANGE HIGHLIGHTS A PITFALL WHICH WE MUST AVOID AS WE MOVE TOWARDS CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN. WE MUST MAKE CLEAR AT THE OUTSET WHAT THE LEVEL
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OF OUR REPRESENTATION WILL BE, AND BE CAREFUL IN OUR EXPRESSIONS OF EAGERNESS TO COOPERATE WITH ASEAN NOT TO RAISE UNDUE EXPECTATIONS.
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